

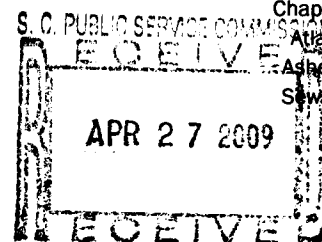
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VIA U.S. MAIL

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk of the Commission
S.C. Public Service Commission
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Energy Efficiency Programs and An Accounting Order To Defer Costs Incurred In Connection with Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Programs (Docket No. 2009-166-E)

Dear Mr. Terreni:

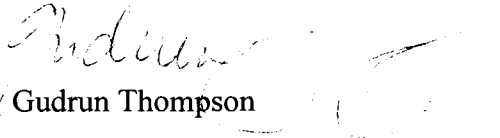
On behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Environmental Defense Fund, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy and the Southern Environmental Law Center, I am writing to express support for the above-referenced petition filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("the Company") on April 15, 2009. The Company requests that the Commission issue an order (1) approving a portfolio of energy efficiency programs identical to those proposed by the Company in Docket No. 2007-358-E ("Save-a-Watt"); (2) allowing the Company to establish a regulatory asset account in which it may defer the costs incurred for development and implementation of the programs from June 1, 2009 until the costs are reflected in rates; and (3) stating that the Company may true up incentives for those deferred costs in accordance with the Commission's order approving a compensation mechanism that the Company intends to seek in the general rate case the Company will file later this year.

As Duke noted in its Petition, this request is generally consistent with the approach our organizations recommended as intervenors in Docket No. 2007-358-E. In that docket, we suggested approval of the Save-a-Watt programs on an interim basis, with incurred costs placed into a deferred account for later true-up once an appropriate compensation mechanism was approved. We also suggested that approval should be conditioned on a requirement that Duke work with an advisory group to develop an expanded portfolio of energy conservation programs to be submitted to the Commission for approval.

Our organizations look forward to the opportunity to work with Duke to develop a robust portfolio of aggressive programs that will deliver real energy savings and reduce customer bills during these tough economic times. In that regard, we welcome the openness to stakeholder involvement that Duke expresses in its petition. We also look

forward to participating in the Company's upcoming general rate case proceeding, with the hope that the Company will propose a compensation mechanism that protects consumer interests while providing the Company with a strong incentive to maximize its investments in energy efficiency. In the meantime, we strongly support the approach proposed by the Company in its petition, which will allow the Company to "get the ball rolling" on much-needed energy efficiency programs that benefit customers and the environment.

Sincerely,


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